

from the  
Old



to the  
New



A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND GRACE FOUND IN THE UNEXPECTED - FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

### New Series starting Next Sunday

Sermon and a daily devotional guide to enrich your countdown to Christmas.

**CCMS The Anchor Food Pantry**  
518-732-4120

90 N. Main Street, Castleton, NY 12033  
Manager – Paula Sancomb

Mon. 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat. 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Tue. & Thu. 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

#### Let us remember those at home, in nursing homes & hospitals:

**Ginny Hempstead** Red Unit Rm #445 180 Washington Ave Ext. Albany, NY 12203

**Stan Hotaling** 56 Scott Ave. Castleton, NY 12033

**Nancy Wasson** c/o Joy Dalaba 17 Cabot Way, Clifton Park, NY 12065

#### "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"

The Golden Memory Book reflects these loved ones and friends:

August Lebrecht, Jr.	Nov. 19, 1927	Frances Van Vechten	Nov. 19, 1937
Michael Costisick	Nov. 19, 1996	Lucy Emily Lansing	Nov. 20, 1939
Conrad Van De Wal	Nov. 20, 1944	Virginia Redden	Nov. 20, 1980
George Dieckelmann	Nov. 20, 2011	Evelyn E. Bolt	Nov. 21, 1979
John Dorn	Nov. 22, 1933	Frank M. Dusenbery	Nov. 22, 1962
Alice Salisbury Dorn	Nov. 25, 1992		

A final witness to your faith can be found in your will.

Have you remembered your church in your estate planning?

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Thanksgiving  
CELEBRATE GOD'S GOODNESS



# WORSHIP THE LORD!

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

## Welcome

*Let Us Adore  
Gratitude  
Alleluia*

## Confession & Assurance

## Kids' Time

**Scripture**  
Psalm 118

## Message

The Power of Thanksgiving  
Pastor Dirk Gieser

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## Engagement Opportunities

## Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer - *Our Father* . . .

*10,000 Reasons*

## Benediction

## OFFERINGS

Make your donation to ERC in the collection  
plate at the back

or

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Flowers today are given in the memory of  
Gini Grogan

## CHILD CARE

Nursery for infants – 3 yr.  
is available downstairs in  
our staffed nursery room.

## KID'S CONNECTION

Children up through 3rd  
grade are dismissed to the  
Fellowship Hall after the  
Kids' Time.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

is held for children after  
worship, ages 3 to high  
school.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

Communion is served the  
first Sunday of the month  
and is open to everyone  
who is seeking Jesus as  
Lord and Savior. A gluten-  
free option is available  
and grape juice is served  
so all may come to the  
table.

## UPCOMING

### Tuesday

Consistory 7pm

### Wednesday

Music Rehearsal 6pm

### Saturday

Gieser Gathering 7pm

**WELCOME** – *Emmanuel Reformed Church is a spiritual community where we invite everyone to focus their attention on God, engage in what God is doing in the world, and in every aspect of their life follow Jesus Christ. It is good that you are here today, and we hope you know that this is a place for you. If you have any questions or need help, ask a greeter or Pastor Dirk.*

**ENGAGE FORM** – Please fill out the Engage Form and place it in the collection plate after worship. If you are a visitor, we'd love to know how we can stay in touch. Prayer requests are collected and prayed over each week. On the back are ways you can engage.

**ST. PAUL'S CENTER FAMILY GIFTS** – The Christmas tree in the narthex is covered with tag ornaments. Each tag has a gift requested by kids or moms at St. Paul's in Rensselaer. Select a tag, go shopping, and return the wrapped gift by December 17.

**ANCHOR TOY DRIVE** – Each year our food pantry sets up a Christmas shop so that families in need can come and pick out gifts for their children. Bring in unwrapped toys for children age 4 to 12 into church by December 6.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND ADVENT WREATH MAKING

In one week – Next Sunday – we will be decorating for Christmas after Sunday School. There will also be supplies and instruction to make Advent wreaths for you to take home. Want to make one? Let us know on the Engage form.

## SATURDAY PRAYER GATHERING

You are welcome to come to the Gieser's for a time of singing and prayer Saturday evenings at 7pm. Let them know you are coming by emailing- [dirk@encounterERC.com](mailto:dirk@encounterERC.com) Address: 1500 S. Schodack Rd.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – We are planning a church party Sunday evening, December 17 at 5pm. Food, fun and the Christmas story! Mark your calendar and be watching for ways you can help!

**CHRISTMAS EVE** – Sunday Worship at 9:30am  
Christmas Eve Family Service 5:00pm  
Midnight Christmas Vigil 11:00pm